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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

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Item 1. Election of officers

Rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that its subsidiary organs shall elect their own officers, unless the Commission decides otherwise.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Economic and Social Council, by decision 1993/234 of 27 July 1993, taking into account the need to provide the Commission on the Status of Women with the necessary time to complete the draft Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, for further consideration by the Commission and regional preparatory conferences, and bearing in mind the urgency of the need for national preparatory committees and regional preparatory conferences to consider the draft Platform for Action, decided that an inter-sessional working group of the Commission on the Status of Women should be convened for a period of five working days during the first two weeks of 1994, open to all Member States and observer States.

Item 3. Structure of the draft Platform for Action

In accordance with the provisions of Council decision 1993/234, the working group is being convened to further develop the structure of the Platform for Action contained in the annex to Commission resolution 37/7.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27-E/CN.6/1993/18)

Item 4. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

The report of the Working Group will be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-eighth session.

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List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation

Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 48/108 of 20 December 1993, established the criteria for accreditation of non-governmental organizations to participate in and contribute to the Fourth World Conference on Women and its preparatory body, taking into account resolution 37/7 of the Commission on the Status of Women.

2. Non-governmental organizations that already have Category I, II or Roster status with the Economic and Social Council and that express the wish to attend the Conference and the meetings of its preparatory body will be accredited for participation. Other non-governmental organizations may apply for accreditation, subject to approval by the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body.

3. In resolution 48/108, the General Assembly decided that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women would be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation.

4. The application of each of the organizations that has requested accreditation has been evaluated by the secretariat of the Conference in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/108. Those organizations that have been found to comply with the criteria set forth in that resolution are listed in the annex to the present document and will be recommended for accreditation to the Commission on the Status of Women acting as

the preparatory body. Since the Commission will not meet before 7 March, the secretariat is of the view that a practical arrangement, consistent with the spirit of the provisions of resolution 48/108, should be put into place in order to allow those organizations to participate in the work of the Working Group. Until the Commission has an opportunity to take a final decision on the matter, the secretariat, subject to the views of the Working Group, therefore proposes to grant interim accreditation to the non-governmental organizations listed in the annex.

Annex

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND ITS PREPARATORY BODY

1. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

Address	25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108, USA Tel: (617) 742-2100; Fax: (617) 327-3237
Contact	Mairi Maeks
Established	1961
Membership	International (with over 200,700 members in North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia)
Relevance	Active in efforts to promote women's rights and oppose violence against women; facilitates numerous programmes for empowerment throughout the world; examines and promotes facilitation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies.

2. INTERACTION: AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY INTERNATIONAL ACTION

Address	1717 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., 8th floor, Washington D.C. 20036, USA Tel: (202) 667-8227; Fax: (202) 667-8236
Contact	Suzanne Kindervatter
Established	1984
Membership	National (with coalition of 154 United States-based private and voluntary organizations working in over 200 countries)
Relevance	It has an active subcommittee on women in development. In addition, in 1992, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors established a Commission on the Advancement of Women to give greater prominence to promotion of gender equity in member agencies and in their programmes. A major focus of the Commission is organizing the participation of InterAction members and southern partners for the 1995 Women's Conference and Forum.

3. PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS

Address	1424 K Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20005, USA Tel: (202) 628-3300; Fax: (202) 628-3306
Contact	Martha Lewis
Established	1969
Membership	Regional (with 31 Latin American and Caribbean countries partnered with 45 United States of America states)
Relevance	Men and women on both sides of the partnership are mobilized to engage in mutually beneficial cultural and educational exchanges and carry out development projects in areas such as agricultural development, natural resources management, environmental conservation, child and maternal health and nutrition, vocational training for disadvantaged groups, emergency preparedness and disaster management and drug abuse prevention.

4. OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS INTERNATIONAL, INC. (OICI)

Address	240 W. Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144, USA Tel: (215) 842-0220; Fax: (215) 849-7033
Contact	Rosemary Burke
Established	1970
Membership	International (with 25 affiliates in 17 countries)
Relevance	To provide skills training and support services to affiliated programmes in the areas of vocational technical agricultural and animal husbandry and small enterprise development to underemployed youth, women and men and help them to become self-reliant and productively involved in the development of their countries.

5. EQUALITY NOW

Address	226 W. 58th Street No. 4, New York, NY 10019 Tel: (212) 586-0906; Fax: (212) 586-0906
Contact	Jessica Neuwirth
Established	1992
Membership	International (almost 1,000 members of the Women's Action Network in over 25 countries around the world)
Relevance	Women's Action Network is the programme through which EQUALITY NOW conducts its activities. Information about specific abuses and ongoing violations is gathered from an international network of activities and organizations. Appropriate actions and strategies are established in collaboration with local groups and are publicized and implemented through the Network.

6. WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY

Address	5, rue de Lille, 75007 Paris, FRANCE Tel: (1) 45 48 83 80; Fax: (1) 42 22 62 73
Contact	Antoinette Fouque
Established	1989
Membership	International (with members in 25 countries)
Relevance	Current activities are in the fields of democratization with action in favour of women's access to positions of decision-making in all fields and political responsibilities and with action against violence to women; working to ensure that legislators take women's vital demands into account; gaining recognition for women's specific forms of productivity in all member countries.